

In the Specification:

The paragraph beginning on page 19, line 19 is amended as follows:

FIG. 10 is a block diagram of a computer configuration for the contract management architecture of FIG. 1 and the systems, databases, software, etc, of FIGS. 2-9 , in accordance with embodiments of the present invention. FIG. 10 illustrates a computer network **80** comprising a PCMS **85** and a DES **95**. The ~~PMS~~ PCMS **85** and the DES **95** communicate over a data path **88** such as communications network described *supra* in conjunction with the data path **15** of FIG. 1. The DES **95** represents one or more of such DES's which are linked to the PCMS **85**.